

ITW

DOHERTY, WALLACE, PILLSBURY AND MURPHY, P.C.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
ONE MONARCH PLACE, SUITE 1900  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01144-1900  
TELEPHONE (413) 733-3111

TELECOPIER (413) 734-3910  
WWW.DWPM.COM  
E MAIL: DBASILE@DWPM.COM

PAUL J. DOHERTY  
PHILIP J. CALLAN, JR.  
BARRY P. SHANNON  
ROBERT L. LEONARD  
A. CRAIG BROWN  
L. JEFFREY MEEHAN  
JOHN J. MCCARTHY  
DAVID J. MARTEL†  
WILLIAM P. HADLEY  
BARRY M. RYAN  
DEBORAH A. BASILE†  
PAUL M. MALECK  
CLAIRE L. THOMPSON  
W. GARTH JONES\*\*  
GREGORY A. SCHMIDT  
MICHAEL K. CALLAN\*  
MICHAEL D. SWEET\*‡  
BERNADETTE HARRIGAN‡  
BRENDA S. DOHERTY  
MICHELE A. ROOKE  
THOMAS E. DAY\*  
KAREN K. CHADWELL\*†  
JOHN E. BONINI\*  
MICHAEL J. BONANNO

SAMUEL A. MARSELLA  
MATTHEW J. RYAN, JR.  
OF COUNSEL

DUDLEY B. WALLACE  
(1900-1987)  
LOUIS W. DOHERTY  
(1898-1990)  
FREDERICK S. PILLSBURY  
(1919-1996)  
ROBERT E. MURPHY  
(1919-2003)

† REGISTERED PATENT ATTORNEY  
\* ALSO ADMITTED IN CONNECTICUT  
‡ ALSO ADMITTED IN NEW YORK  
\*\* ALSO ADMITTED IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 3, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: U.S. Application Number 10/799,303 for "Linear Adjustment Device and Linear Adjustment System Incorporating the Device and Method of Use"  
Inventor: Michael J. Akrep

Ladies and Gentlemen:

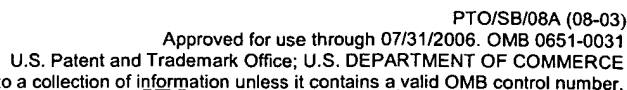
Enclosed is and Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant for filing in connection with the referenced patent application.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Deborah A. Basile

Enclosure



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

*(Use as many sheets as necessary)*

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/799,303
Filing Date	03/12/2004
First Named Inventor	Akrep, Michael J.
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	

Sheet \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

<sup>1</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>2</sup>Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>3</sup>See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>4</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>5</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>6</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. <sup>7</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.



Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	76015-3
First Inventor	Akrep, Michael J.
Title	Linear Adjustment Device
Express Mail Label No.	

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

**ADDRESS TO:**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☐ Specification [Total Pages \_\_\_\_\_]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
- Descriptive title of the invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
or a computer program listing appendix  
- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☐ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets \_\_\_\_\_]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets \_\_\_\_\_]  
a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)  
b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)  
name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or  
ii. ☐ Paper  
c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement [Power of Attorney]  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure [Copies of IDS Citations]  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35  
or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: .....

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: .....

Prior application information:

Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.**19. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

Customer Number:

42,325

OR ☐ Correspondence address below

Name	Deborah A. Basile c/o Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury and Murphy, P.c.				
Address	One Monarch Place, Suite 1900 1414 Main Street				
City	Springfield	State	MA	Zip Code	01144-1900
Country	U.S.A.	Telephone	413.733.3111	Fax	413.734.3910
Name (Print/Type)	Deborah A. Basile		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	35,439	
Signature			Date	6/3/04	

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.53(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.